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REPORT

OF THE

Work of the Fifteenth Year

OF THE

Pacific+Garden+Mission

Ending September 15; 1892.

100 East Van Buren Street,

CHICAGO.



Gift - Mission

Col. GEO. R. CLARKE,

Founder

OF THE

PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION,

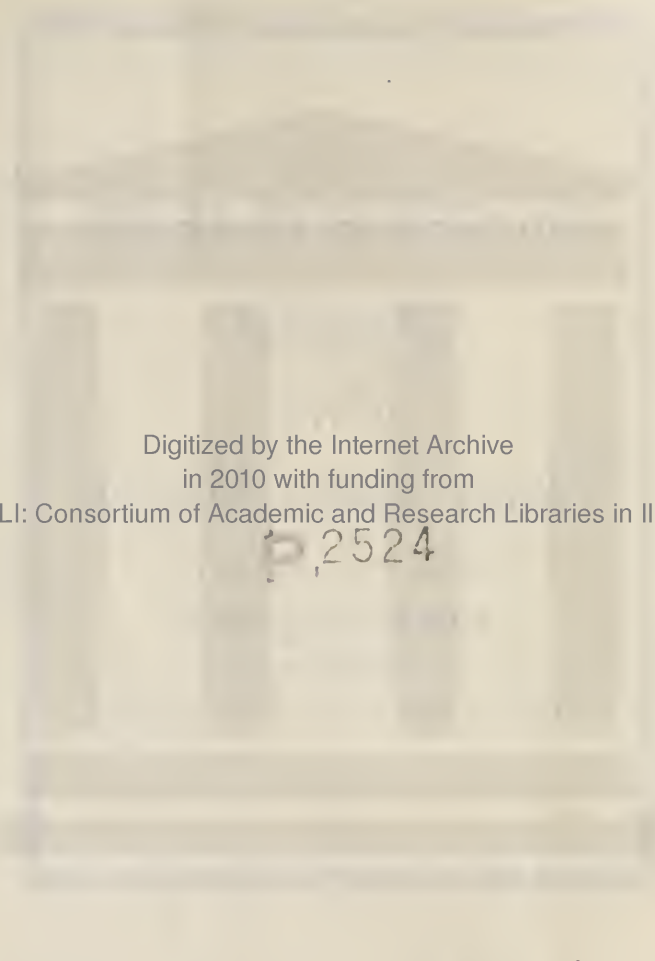
Was Called to his Reward

JUNE 21st, 1892.

"BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH."

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Heb. 11: 4.



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Report.

To day Sept. 15th, 1892. marks the *15th Anniversary* of the
Pacific Garden Mission.

Since issuing our last report my dear husband has been taken from us, and a great shadow has fallen upon the Mission to which he had given the best thoughts and efforts of a consecrated life. For its welfare, he had laid himself upon the altar of God, year by year, and God had accepted the gift, pouring upon it the riches of His Grace and Love, until the Master said: "Well done * * * enter thou into the joy of the Lord." A vacancy has been made, that can never be filled, and yet, with praise to God, we record that the work has been in no wise abated, but rather by the marked presence of the spirit, has gone on with ever increasing power.

Bro. CHAS. COOK, one of our regular leaders of meetings, has also fallen asleep in Jesus. He was "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," and his presence is sadly missed.

This Anniversary

Marks an epoch long to be remembered. As I think of the first opening in a little shabby room on Clark Street, of all the vicissitudes through which the Mission has passed—how many struggles and discouragements—and how wonderfully the dear Lord has helped us through them all—and how the

Hand of Blessing

has ever been over us,—and that for Fourteen and one-half years we were permitted to work together, in carrying the Gospel to the poor—when I remember all these blessing, my heart goes

out to God in *profound gratitude* for the privileges, and rich experiences that have crowned these years of blessed service.

The Past Year

has been marked with unusual blessings. The increased attendance—the spiritual power, and the large number of those seeking a better life, has brought songs of rejoicings, into homes far and near. Prodigals have returned and the once sad and blighted households have been made bright and happy.

Owing to the large number of strangers that have been in the city, passing to and from Depots—we have been enabled to reach a larger number than in any previous year.

The Attendance

each evening through the week, has averaged, about three hundred, and on Sunday nights from five to six hundred. Accurate numbers have not been kept, during the past year, but *observations* have been taken every night, and scarcely a week during the year, but that an average of one hundred seekers have expressed a desire for a better life; and numbering the results from the Converts Meetings on Sunday Mornings, the Bible Study, and the Gospel Meetings held in the Afternoons from November to March, the number of professed seekers have been over Six Thousand.

Eternity Alone

will reveal how many of this vast number are saved. So many of them are strangers coming and going, it is impossible to follow them up, but once in our midst we endeavor to speak a word *personally* to every one as they pass out, handing them a tract, and ascertaining if they are saved. Thus often an *encouraging word* or a *warm shake of the hand*, has been the turning point in many a life. Usually one-third of the audience are strangers.

The Work of the Evening,

is opened by a season of waiting before God in “an upper room” for the endurement of power, by the descent of the Holy Spirit.

During the summer months we have an open air service at the entrance of the Mission, where hundreds congregate to hear the singing and the short gospel address, and proves a means of leading many into the Gospel meeting which follows.

The Song Service

is a prominent feature of our meetings. In this service which lasts nearly half an hour, every one is supplied with a song leaflet and all join in the singing, making with the instruments and leaders, an inspiring, and effective chorus of praise, and often proves the means by which the Holy Spirit subdues hearts. Prayer and a brief gospel address followed by testimonies from the redeemed, and then the enquiry meeting to gather up the results, is the order of exercises.

Three Hundred and Sixty-five

nights in the year these meetings are conducted with different speakers each night in the week. The arder of this work, never abates, as some new voices and new experiences are heard every night.

The Charitable Work of the Mission

covers a broad field, and is becoming a very prominent and important feature of the work. The multitude of appeals that come to us, from the poor, sick, aged and distressed are of such a nature, that immediate assistance is often found necessary. Many of these cases, would not come under the rules of the charitable institutions, and many of the sick are not able to find accommodations in the hospitals, owing to the large number of strangers that are coming to our city. Relief consists in food, clothing, fuel, lodgings, medicine, aid in funeral expenses, rents, etc. A little timely aid in this direction often prevents the county from having the care of the sick and destitute for weeks and months. We trust that this feature of the work will commend itself to the charitable citizens of Chicago.

Prison Work.

This work has been coexistent with the Mission. For fifteen years, two or three afternoons of each week have usually been spent in visiting from cell to cell, coming in personal contact with every inmate, and presenting the gospel as best one can through iron bars. Tracts and religious papers are distributed. Testaments are given to those who feel inclined to make use of them. This work has always been *greatly blessed* and we feel productive of great good. Many have been led to praise God, that they were ever placed behind the prison bars, because it has been the means of arousing them to a consciousness of their lost condition, and thus they have been led to repentance, and salvation. Through this work we have been enabled to present the Gospel personally to three or four thousand each year, and we expect from this vast number to meet many among the redeemed.

Weekly Visits at the County Hospital

are included with general calls by our Missionaries, who spend a portion of each day in visiting from house to house, carrying the gospel to those not able, and often not inclined to go to any place of worship, administering to the needs of the poor and sick so far as practicable, and meeting the many demands from various sources, that come under the head of charity,—a work that somebody must do.

A Bright Spot.

At the Converts Meeting at half past nine every Sunday morning, one will find from seventy-five to one hundred assembled relating their experiences, and testifying as to what the *grace of God is able to do*. Most thrilling testimonies are given of how families have been reunited, backsliders reclaimed and sinners saved.

Bible Study.

The interest in this department of our work has been greater the past year than ever before. The attendance has usually ranged from eighty to one hundred, with little diminution,

even during the heat of the summer. A fair proportion of this number are earnest and intelligent students of the Bible. Others are recent converts of the mission, just beginning to learn the word of God, while not a few of the unsaved are always present and are attentive and eager listeners. The close of the session is followed by personal work among those who linger, and develops the blessed fact that not only has the spiritual life of God's people been quickened by the study of the Word, but not unfrequently that the Holy Spirit has been present in convicting and converting power, blessing the truth to the saving of sinners. Thus has been fulfilled the promise, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Is. 55, 11.

What Becomes of the Converts

of the Mission is the question so often asked. We take the address of those remaining in the city, and *special efforts* are made by our missionaries to look after them, and we urge them to find some church home, still retaining their relation to the Mission. Letters received from many who leave the city assure us of their faithfulness in other places. A large number of the professed seekers are people passing through the city, and are attracted to the services by the music or a card of invitation handed them on the street. They go on their way, but often return to testify that two, four, six or ten years ago, "I was passing through this city and induced to come in and through the influence of the meeting decided to lead a Christian life." These testimonies are so often heard that our hearts are greatly encouraged to commend the strangers to the tender care of the Great Shepherd who knoweth His own, and will lose none of them.

The Central Mission Church.

It has long been the conviction of the founders of the Mission that a church for the masses was one of the great necessities of this field. We are happy to state that the Baptists have started a church in our immediate neighborhood, where many of the

converts of the Mission and the laboring classes always find a welcome. Its membership is now forty-five, and a hearty shake of the hand and a God bless yon await every sad heart that may find their way into this place of worship. God bless and prosper this noble work.

Crime Preventing Agency.

One can hardly calculate the restraining influence the Mission has upon the criminal classes. Statistics from police officials who have watched the work from the beginning bear testimony of its *importance* as a *crime preventing agency*, and assure us that *this* rescue work among the masses is accomplishing more towards preserving peace and protecting the interest of citizens than can well be estimated.

Many that have been obtaining a livelihood by preying upon the property of others have been induced to come into the Mission, and while there, by hearing the experiences of those who had been leading similar lives, but had been saved by the *precious Gospel*, and were now living *sober, honest and industrious* lives—these testimonies have been blessed to them, in changing their purposes, and often when they were about to commit some depredation, their hands have been stayed and they have been rescued from sin.

This phase of the work alone ought to commend itself to the favorable consideration, and to the best interests of the business men of our city.

The Christmas Dinner.

This gathering is looked forward to with great anticipation among the poor, homeless, and friendless. On Christmas day, from seven to eight hundred are usually served to a turkey dinner. About six hundred can be accommodated in the room at once, and after services tickets are given to them, where they can obtain their dinner, and the doors are again thrown open to the second audience.

This service is composed of songs, prayers and short addresses. No adequate description can be given of this gathering. One must be an eye witness to receive the impressions that

come from so many eager faces, beaming forth with gratitude and thanksgiving, that they are the honored guests of the occasion. To look upon such a mottled assembly awakens deepest pity and sympathy as they realize that each one represents a member of some *broken home, somewhere*. The pathos that is depicted on many faces, as they are reminded of better days, and often the tears that trickle down many a cheek, manifest an appreciation that speaks louder than words. We believe this little act of kindness goes very far toward bridging over the gulf between the rich and the poor, as well as carrying out the commands of the Word. "Luke 14. 13."

Many a desperate man has been subdued by this act of remembrance, and we trust our dear readers would like to *share* in the blessings that come from the Christmas dinner, by *sharing* the necessary means in providing it.

The Finances of the Meeting

are supplied largely by voluntary offerings from liberal minded Christians and citizens, and the balance by the founders of the Mission, who have also contributed their services *since the work began*, being present over three hundred nights each year and all day on Sundays.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

are due to *these generous donors*, and for clothing papers and tracts furnished by the Chicago Tract Society. We are greatly indebted to our kind friends for the many words of *sympathy* and *cheer*, and more especially for their *generous aid* in helping to maintain the work, and may we not find it in your hearts to continue to *stand by us during the coming year*, which we hope, under the blessing of God, to make by far the most successful in the history of the Mission.

In view of the many strangers that will be in Chicago, every effort will be put forth to reach the largest number possible, as we hope to have a Gospel Wagon in the field and other means employed in reaching the masses.

Where

is the Mission to be held during the coming year?

This has been the perplexing question over which much prayer has been given, but no light has yet dawned. Our present building has been sold during the past year, and possession will have to be given the first of May.

No "*Memorial Hall*" is looming up before us, as we had wished to see, and every available room is secured for a *saloon* or *Gambling den*, and *where* is the Gospel to be preached—the only hope of staying the great tide of sin that is running riot in our city. This is a question that I hope will interest our dear readers, and may we not have your prayers and aid that *some place* will be provided to continue this work which has been a blessing to so many thousands.

TESTIMONIES.

A few nights ago, a young man arose and said with great enthusiasm: "as I was passing down the street last evening, on my way to a saloon, a gentleman handed me a card and asked me to come in and stay *half an hour*. I remained TWO HOURS and in that time, I became a CHANGED MAN. I had not been in any place of worship for *fifteen years*, spending my time in saloons and similar places of resort, always supposing it was necessary to indulge in stimulents to *keep up*, and the saloon-keeper has always told me there was something in the throat every morning that I had to take a glass of Whiskey to get out," but as I did not *drink* anything last night, I did not have anything to GET OUT, and this has been the happiest day I ever spent.

The following evening he testified that he had been praying for employment and started out in the morning with faith, believing that he would succeed, and before entering a place he

would just offer up a silent prayer, and before noon he had two places offered him, and is now employed and doing nicely.

Another man about sixty years old said: "all my life time I have been an intemperate man, have been a circus man, kept a saloon, and have recently been negotiating with the Keeley cure to take my diamonds for treatment, but now, thank God, I shall not have to go to Keeley, for I have been to **Calvary**, and I have found a perfect cure—"

The saloon he intended to open is now for rent and he is honorably employed.

The question is often asked, "What becomes of the converts of the Mission?" We are in constant receipt of letters assuring us of their faithfulness in other places, I submit an entire copy of a letter from a party of whom we have not heard since he left the city, ten years ago, until his recent communication; also a few extracts from others as a sample:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GERMAN DEPARTMENT,
J. F. PETERS, SUP'T.

EVANSVILLE, IND., June 26, 1892.

Mrs. GEO. R. CLARKE, Morgan Park:

Dear Madam:—Through the "News Record" of Chicago the melancholy intelligence of your revered husband's death is brought to me, and I beg to tender to you my heartfelt sympathy.

It was in the year 1878 when I came to Chicago *friendless, penniless, hopeless*. Many a severe winter night I wandered the chilly streets, half starved and with despair in my soul. Some one called my attention to the Clark Street Mission, conducted by your noble husband. I wended my way there one night, more for the sake of obtaining a shelter, than listening to the precious words that were uttered there. Your blessed, revered husband was the first one who took me by the hand and spoke courage to my soul. He provided me with a place to sleep and also with something to eat.

All through that severe winter I was leaning on the strong, fatherly arm of your husband, and I learned the lesson which has never failed me until now, to trust to Him who is the stay

and support of every one that believes in Him. I left Chicago in the spring 1879 and by the grace of God I have succeeded to climb high in my profession. I have been here ten years now, am happy, married and father of several lovely children.

Mr. Clarke has gone to his reward, and oh! how the angels must have sung when the spirit of this noble man entered into the place that was prepared for him near his beloved Master and Savior, and the assurance we have, Mrs. Clarke, that your noble husband has gone to a happier sphere, must be a consolation to you in your severe trial.

May you be divinely comforted is the prayer of a friend.

Very respectfully,

J. F. PETERS.

From a wife to her husband:

HACKENSACK, July 31, 1892.

My Dear Husband:—I wonder if you have the faintest idea of how happy I am to hear the good news of your salvation. I am sure words cannot express it, and one of the first things I did was to thank God for answering my prayers. Now do not put off the next important step of joining the church. Do it as soon as you can. It is one of the earthly ties that bind us to God.—

From a man who was about to commit suicide, had written a letter to his wife, but was induced to come into the Mission and was saved:

My Dear Wife:—As I expect to put an end to a life which has ceased to be useful, and which of late years has been the cause of untold sorrow to yourself and the children, because of my intemperate habits, I write to ask the forgiveness of you all for the sorrow and suffering I have caused you.

My life of late has been a curse to what was formerly one of the happiest of homes, where peace, love, happiness abided. *O drink, thou terrible curse!* In the happy years of the past I never for a moment thought I would live to come to an end like this. *May God pity me!*—

MURDOCK, NEB., June 13, 1892.

Mr. HARRY MONROE:

Dear Friend:--How glad I am that I was induced to come in the Mission, where I heard the glad tidings of great joy, which has made me happy ever since. Out here I have to walk four miles to church, but I would go were it TEN miles. Before I was converted I never was happy, but now it is peace all the day long. I have the precious Bible my mother gave me. When I was out of money and had no place to sleep the Mission furnished me with a place. May God bless and prosper it for its good work.

The expenses of the Mission for the 15th year, ending September 15, 1892, have been as follows:

Rent of hall and office,	-	-	-	-	\$2,644.00
Salaries of five assistants, viz: Missionaries, cornetist,					
organist and janiter,	-	-	-	-	2,729.00
Coal for Mission and poor,	-	-	-	-	251.31
Electric light,	-	-	-	-	360.00
Gas,	-	-	-	-	84.00
Printing songs, cards, reports, etc.,	-	-	-	-	255.75
Repairs and Sundry expenses of Mission,	-	-	-	-	282.95
Contributions of lodging, meals, medicines, rent, supplies, etc. for the poor and sick,	-	-	-	-	1,103.60
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Contributions.

ARMOUR, PHILLIP	-	\$100.00	CASH,	-	-	-	-	5.00
ANDREWS, M.	-	-	10.00	CASH,	-	-	-	10.00
ATWOOD, MR.	-	-	10.00	CALVERLEY, HERBERT,				1.00
ATWATER, JOHN L.	-	5.00	CONG'L CH. S. S., OAK					
AYERS, ED.	-	-	100.00	PARK,	-	-	-	2.50
ADAMS, J. MCGREGOR,		25.00	CONTRIBUTIONS PACIFIC					
BEACH, E. KELLOG, -		25.00	GARDEN MISSION	-				652.96
BROWN, THOS. JR.	-	10.00	DUNNING, MRS. WM.,					
BLAIR, WM.	-	-	25.00	WAUKEGAN,	-			300.00
BISSELL, G. F.,	-	-	10.00	DODGE, GEO. E. P.	-			50.00
BLISS, MRS. S. E.	-	15.00	DEWOLF, MRS. CALVIN,					10.00
BACON, H. M.	-	-	10.00	DE GOLYER. WATTS	-			10.00
BARKER, J. N.	-	-	5.00	DIETZ, W. H.	-	-		10.00
BALL, MRS. G.	-	-	6.00	D——, MISS H. E.	-	-		15.00
BUSHEEL, MRS. H. S.		1.00	DAVISON CHAS. L.,	-				2.00
BIRD, WM.	-	-	1.00	EXCELL, E. O.	-	-		25.00
BLISS, THEO. F.	-	-	5.00	EARL BROS.	-	-		25.00
BRADNER, SMITH & CO.		25.00	EBERHART, JOHN	-	-			10.00
CARSON, PIERIE & SCOTT,		200.00	ELDERKIN, GEO. E.,	-				20.00
CLARKE, B. F.	-	-	50.00	FRIEND OF THE POOR,				250.00
CONTRIBUTION,	-	-	32.89	FORD & JOHNSON,	-			25.00
CONG'L CH. COL. AT HAR-				FREEMAN, THOS.	-	-		5.00
VEY,	-	-	3.38	FURGESON, W. G.	-			5.00
CHANDLER & CO.,	-	-	10.00	FRIEND,	-	-	-	5.00
CHICAGO FORGE & BOLT				BRO. FOREMAN,	-	-		1.00
Co.,	-	-	25.00	FRANCES, J. M.	-	-		5.00
CONG'L CH. COL., ONTA-				FRIEND,	-	-	-	2.00
RIO, ILL.,	-	-	7.80	FRIEND,	-	-	-	1.00
COOK, SISTER SARAH,		10.00	FRIEND,	-	-	-		1.00
CASS, W. T.	-	-	5.00	FRIEND,	-	-	-	1.00
CARTER, C. T.	-	-	5.00	GREEN, O. B.	-	-		200.00
CALVERLY, JAMES	-	10.00	GAGE, LYMAN J.	-	-			25.00
CONG'L CH. COL., FLOR-				GARRETTSON, RICHARD,				12.00
IDA, IOWA,	-	-	8.85	GLEASON, C. O.	-	-		5.00
CASH,	-	-	10.00					

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BARTLET & Co.	-	OSGOOD, Mr.	- - -	2.00
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HENDERSON, C. M.	-	POTTER, D. W.	- -	20.00
HOLT, D. R.	- - -	PENFIELD, HENRY D.	-	5.00
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J ACOBS, W. B.	- -	RYLANDER, N.	- -	5.00
JAPP, RICHARD	- -	S HELDON, H.	- -	46.00
JOHNSON, JOHN S.	- -	SIMMONS, CHAS. E.	-	25.00
JEPSON, SADIE	- -	STOREY, C. W. & H. C.		25.00
K ENWOOD UNION EVAN'L		SWAN, D. E.	- - -	10.00
CH. COL.	- -	SILVA, C. P.	- -	5.00
" BALANCE LAST YEAR,		SEYMOUR, M. A.	- -	5.00
KING, HENRY W.	- -	SALT SPRING S. SCHOOL,		5.50
KEEN, AGLAE	- -	SWIFT, CARLOS,	-	4.50
KOHLSAAT, H. H.	- -	S. S. CLASS, PER		
L EITER, LEVI Z.	-	MISS OGBERS,	- -	2.85
LEAVITT, DR. S.	- -	T HAINES, R. J.	- -	10.00
LITTLE, B. R.	- -	TORREY, Rev. R. A.	-	5.00
LORD, THOS.	- - -	W ALKER, GEO. C.	-	50.00
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MERRIAM, C. W.	-	WOOD BROS.	- -	25.00
MRS. M. J. H.	- -	WHEELER, C. G.	-	10.00
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		WISWELL, A.	- -	10.00
		WAITE, JOHN	- -	5.00

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Workers.

The present regular workers of the Mission consist of:

Sarah D. Clarke, Superintendent.

Harry Monroe, Assistant Superintendent.

Wm. Evans, Missionary and Cornetist.

Wm. Hamilton, Organist.

Mrs. C. Swift, Supt. Bible Study.

We are indebted to Mrs. Evans, Miss Hawley and Mrs Ranney for frequent volunteer services on the piano, and to many singers from the different churches who have favored us in the song service. We are also greatly indebted to Bros. Torey, Potter, Kirk, McLean, Bliss, Whittle, Sayels, Patterson, Pike, Dr. Boynton, Bro. Willson and many other evangelists and laymen in leading meetings.

Bro. Ashton has rendered very efficient service as Missionary during the past year, to which Mr. Evans is now assigned.

Bro. Wagner and Bro. Hubble, with others, have rendered valuable assistance as "doorkeepers in the house of the Lord."

Many of the students from Bro. Moody's Bible Institute and from the different Theological Seminaries have favored us by their assistance in the meetings, to all of whom we extend our sincere thanks.

SARAH D. CLARKE.

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